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<u>**Via ELECTRONIC MAIL and FAX**</u>   Dated December 11, 2003

To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
             Director, Fish and Wildlife Service **{Lead}**
             Director, National Park Service
             Director, Geological Survey
             Director, Bureau of Land Management
             Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
             Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Application for Modification of Project Recreation Plan (to Afford More
             Public Access at Moran Road While Protecting Threatened Species); **Yuba River
             Project**, FERC No. 2246-046; Yuba County, California
                            (ER 03/1023)(Agency due date**: January 9, 2004**)

PLEASE EXPEDITE

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has requested the Department to review the
application for the subject project. The document was issued on December 5, 2003, and can
be viewed on the Commission's website at: http://www.ferc.gov, using the new **eLibrary
(FERRIS) link.**

Please review this application from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and
Provide your comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service in Portland, Oregon by
December 26, 2003. If your bureau wishes to intervene, please follow the instructions in Environmental
Review Memorandum ERM 99-2. **INTERVENTIONS ARE DUE BY January 9, 2004**.

The Regional Director, FWS**,** will prepare the Department's comments for signature by
the Regional Environmental Officer in Oakland, California by **January 2, 2004.**

<u>Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to
the REO</u>.

                                   /s/ 12/16/03
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